

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A communication apparatus capable of  
accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:  
a first communication unit connectable with a  
5 first communication line;  
a second communication unit connectable with a  
second communication line, being capable of reducing  
power dissipation on standby; and  
detection means for detecting an actuation factor  
10 for said second communication unit,  
wherein said first communication unit shifts said  
second communication unit from the standby state to the  
operating state in response to detection to the  
actuation factor of said second communication unit by  
15 said detection means.

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2. A communication apparatus according to Claim  
1, wherein said detection means detects an actuation  
factor in response to detection of a call signal from  
20 said second communication line.

3. A communication apparatus according to Claim  
1, wherein said detection means detects an actuation  
factor in response to the key input by a user through  
25 an operation unit.

4. A communication apparatus according to Claim

1, further comprising a document sheet reading unit, wherein said detection means detects an actuation factor in response to detection of a document sheet in said document sheet reading unit.

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5. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a power source and a relay for turning on and off the power supply from the power source to said second communication unit, wherein said first communication unit turns on said relay in response to detection of the actuation factor detected by said detection means.

6. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a power source for supplying power to said second communication unit, being capable of switching whether or not power is supplied to said second communication unit, wherein said first communication unit enables said power source to start the power supply to said second communication unit in response to detection of the actuation factor by said detection means.

7. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second communication unit suspends supplying a clock signal to the second communication itself on standby, and starts supplying the clock

signal to the second communication unit itself in response to the actuation signal from said first communication unit.

5           8. A communication apparatus according to Claim  
1, wherein said second communication unit is provided  
with a power source control unit operating even on  
standby, and wherein said second communication unit  
suspends supplying power to the second communication  
10 unit itself, and starts supplying power to the second  
communication unit itself in response to the actuation  
signal from said first communication unit.

15           9. A communication apparatus according to Claim  
1, further comprising a second detection means for  
detecting the actuation factor with respect to said  
first communication unit, wherein said first  
communication unit is provided with a low power  
dissipation control unit operating even on standby, and  
20 wherein said first communication unit shifts to the low  
power dissipation state on standby, and said low power  
dissipation control unit causes said first  
communication unit to shift to the operational state in  
response to the actuation signal from said second  
25 detection means.

10. A communication apparatus capable of

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~~a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, being capable of reducing the power dissipation on standby;~~

output means for outputting data received by said first communication unit;

storage means for storing data received by said  
second communication unit,

wherein when said first communication unit is on standby, said first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor by said detection means, and outputs the received data to said output means, and on the other hand, when data is received by said second communication unit while said first communication unit is on standby, said second communication unit stores the received data in said storage means and enables said first communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state by sending an actuation signal from said second communication unit to said detection means, and said first communication unit outputs the data stored in said storage means to said output means.

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11. A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said second communication unit sends out the actuation signal to said detection means after the completion of data reception.

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12. A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said first communication unit is provided with a memory for storing data received from said storage means, said second communication unit transfers the data in said storage means to the memory of said first communication unit, and said first communication unit outputs the data transferred to the memory to said output means.

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13. A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said output means is a printer.

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14. A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, further comprising second detection means for detecting an actuation factor for said second communication unit, and said second communication unit is capable of reducing the power dissipation on standby, and shifting from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor by said second detection means.

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15. A communication apparatus capable of

accommodating a plurality of lines, comprising:

a first communication unit connectable with a  
first communication line;

a second communication unit connectable with a  
5 second communication line, being capable of reducing  
the power dissipation on standby;

input means ~~for~~ inputting data;

instruction means for instructing the transmission  
of the input data inputted by said input means; and

10            control means for shifting said second  
communication unit from the standby state to the  
operating state in response to the instruction of said  
instruction means during the communication by said  
first communication unit, and transmitting data.

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16. A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said input means is a scanner for reading a document sheet.

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